FISCAL NOTE

SB 2817 - HB 2715

February 11, 1998

SUMMARY OF BILL: Directs the Board for Licensing Health Care Facilities to promulgate rules for the certification of persons who install and repair medical gas piping. Requires the qualifications to utilize national standards and allows the board to set fees and utilize an independent agency to administer examinations. The Department of Commerce and Insurance is to provide training, through the Tennessee Fire Service and Codes Enforcement Academy, for such certification. Creates a Class B misdemeanor for any person to install or repair such pipe without certification.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$72,800 Recurring

\$20,900 One-Time

Increase State Revenues - Less Than \$100,000

Increase Local Revenues - Not Significant

Increase Local Expenditures - Not Significant

	<u>Recurring</u>	One-Time
Staff (2)	\$43,000	
Travel	3,000	
Professional Services	20,000	
Computer Equipment		15,500
Training (Commerce and Insurance)	2,000	
Supplies, Rent and Communications	<u>6,000</u>	<u>5,400</u>
Total	<u>\$74,000</u>	<u>\$20,900</u>

Estimate assumes that the fee set by the board will offset administrative costs.

Impact depends upon the number of persons convicted of this offense and the resulting increased cost to local governments to confine such persons versus the increased revenues to local governments from fines levied and collected under the provisions of this bill.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

James A. Davenport, Executive Director